

Honors and Awards

Kevin F. Berry, an attorney in Cozen O'Connor's Philadelphia office, was recently inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America, an organization that recognizes deserving, experienced, and highly qualified lawyers; provides outlets for scholarly authorship of legal articles on trial and litigation practice; provides for professional development; promotes superior advocacy and ethical standards in the practice of law; and assists in community involvement activities. Members are invited to join the organization based on effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation and trial work, along with ethical reputation. Berry has more than 25 years of legal experience in commercial and business litigation, involving insurance, reinsurance, banking, bad faith litigation, directors' and officers' liability, real estate litigation, and corporate matters. He has tried more than 140 civil matters that have led to jury verdicts. ... **Kim M. Boyle**, a partner in the employment law practice group at Phelps Dunbar LLP, has been awarded the 2007 Presidents' Award by the New Orleans Bar Association. Boyle was honored at a ceremony held on Aug. 16 at the Hilton St. Charles Hotel. The award, the association's highest level of recognition, is given to attorneys who, in addition to their professional excellence and integrity, have dedicated themselves to community service in the exercise of

the highest ideals of citizenship. Boyle's practice includes representing employers in employment-related claims, such as retaliation and discrimination claims as well as workplace harassment. She also handles Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charges and other administrative complaints through the administrative and judicial process. ... **Ellen Lazarus**, past national president of the Federal Bar Association, has been selected as the assistant director of the Congressional Research Service for American law, effective July 22. Lazarus joined the Congressional Research Service in 1991 as a legislative attorney in the American Law Division. In 1998, she was promoted to deputy assistant director for American Law and has served as the acting assistant director on two occasions—from September 2003 to May 2004, and again beginning in May 2006. Lazarus brings to the position a mastery of the law and a deep appreciation of the critical importance of providing Congress authoritative legal analysis. Both Congress and the legal profession have recognized her accomplishments as an attorney and manager in the American Law Division.

Practitioners' News

Name shareholder **Marc S. Raspanti** and shareholder **Kevin E. Raphael**, among several other attorneys of Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, will be joining

Pietragallo Bosick & Gordon on or before Jan. 1, 2008. The firm will then be known as Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP. Raspanti was a founding shareholder of Miller, Alfano & Raspanti more than 18 years ago. His areas of practice include white-collar criminal defense; criminal, civil, and administrative health care fraud defense; federal and state qui tam litigation; corporate and regulatory compliance; internal investigations; and complex commercial litigation. Raphael, a former Philadelphia prosecutor, is a veteran of hundreds of bench and jury trials. He focuses his national practice on white-collar criminal defense; criminal and civil health care fraud defense; complex commercial litigation; professional licensing litigation; health care law; and liquor licensing litigation. ... **Kevin Raphael** spoke at the National Business Institute's CLE Seminar on August 16 at the Radisson Hotel in Center City Philadelphia. The seminar, entitled "Criminal Defense: Pretrial Success," provided an in-depth understanding of the steps that lead up to a trial and how to handle them in order to ensure a successful trial for a defendant in a criminal action. The presentation covered many different scenarios and situations that the defense could encounter.

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Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section: On Sept. 7, the Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section hosted a luncheon program, entitled "Shrinking the Carbon Footprint: Aviation Industry Challenges," at the Montpelier Dining Room of the Library of Congress. More than 50 people attended the luncheon to hear an outstanding group of presenters, who represented different facets of the domestic and international aviation community—(l to r) Clive David Wright, first secretary for transport policy, Embassy of the United Kingdom in Washington, D.C.; Nancy Young, vice president for environment, Air Transport Association of America; Richard Marchi, senior adviser, Airports Council International-NA Center for Policy and Regulatory Affairs; Carl Burleson, director of energy and environment, Federal Aviation Administration; and panel moderator Nancy Kessler, a senior attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Transportation.